

Amendments to the Abstract:

In the English translation document, please add the abstract at page 14 written line 1, as follows:

--ABSTRACT

A method which is used to report a malfunction of network node is provided. In one aspect, an operational network node retransmits an error message of the defective network node to all of the network nodes which are directly adjacent to the operational network nodes, except when an error message, which has already been retransmitted, is received. The principle is applied recursively to each network node, such that the error message reaches, in a step by step and reliable manner, each network node in a communication network. Another aspect relates to network nodes, which enables the inventive method to be implemented in a communication network consisting of the network nodes.--